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Corps' recreation craft lockage schedule changes Sept. 16

Walla Walla, Wash. – The winter schedule for recreational craft to be passed upstream and downstream through the Walla Walla District navigation locks on the lower Snake River and at McNary Dam on the Columbia River, will return on Sept. 16, according to an operations division official at the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The seasonal recreation craft lock schedule continues the program started several years ago for water and energy conservation. After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, recreational lockages are available only during daylight hours. The schedule will be in effect Sept. 16 – May 14, 2003, according to Wayne John, the District's chief of operations.

The schedule includes lockages three times daily through McNary Dam near Umatilla, Ore., Ice Harbor Dam near the Tri-Cities, Lower Monumental Dam near Kahlotus, Little Goose Dam near Starbuck and Lower Granite Dam near Pomeroy. Upstream lockages will be at 8 and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Downstream lockages will be at 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. There are a total of six lockages a day at each site. The three Portland District locks on the Columbia River (Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day) will use the same lockage schedule as the Walla Walla District.

Commercial traffic will be locked through upon demand. Whenever possible, and at the discretion of the lock master, recreational vessels may be locked through with commercial craft if safety and other conditions permit. Groups and flotillas can be granted special lockages outside regular schedules, with prior arrangement and coordination completed in advance.

To request a special lockage at McNary, Ice Harbor or Lower Monumental, call Randall Ryan at (509) 547-7781. To request a special lockage at Little Goose or Lower Granite, call Charlie Krahenbuhl at (509) 751-0250.

All vessel owner/operators lock through at their own risk. Follow the directions of the lock operator when using the locks or operating in the vicinity of the lock. The lock operator has final authority on the suitability of a craft for lockage. Please refer to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Safe Lockage Policy for Recreational Craft on the Columbia and Snake Rivers for additional safety requirements.

For additional information on this matter or copies of the Corps' safe lockage policy, call Ann Glassley, at (509) 527-7115 or Carl Knaak at (509) 527-7113. Information is also available on the web at www.nww.usace.army.mil. **-30-**